BusinessObjects XI Release 2 for JD Edwards

Gain Better Insight Today

Your organization runs JD Edwards EnterpriseOne and World because it provides the depth and breadth of functionality needed to run the business. Business Objects understands that you rely on JD Edwards for daily operations. We also understand the value of leveraging the information you have for effective decision making. By providing industry-leading business intelligence (BI) offerings that fit seamlessly into your applications environment, you can be assured that your organization will have what it needs to gain better insight today.

With BusinessObjects™ XI Release 2, we continue to deliver a market-leading BI platform with insightful end-user capabilities to customers using JD Edwards applications. Whether you use Crystal Reports®, or are looking to standardize on a BI solution within the JD Edwards environment, Business Objects offers the right tools and solutions to help you make the most of your investment. We are the preferred BI solution for JD Edwards and you'll find our award-winning Crystal Reports product included with EnterpriseOne and World.

In addition to the jointly developed JD Edwards and Business Objects offerings, we offer integration components for JD Edwards*, as well as the BusinessObjects Rapid Marts™ for JD Edwards applications. With this variety of offerings, customers can expect:

- Seamless integration with JD Edwards EnterpriseOne and World** environments
- Ease of expansion as your organization grows with more users or BI needs
- Flexible and open architecture platform with innovative end-user capabilities

Seamless Integration

To help JD Edwards customers achieve the most from their enterprise resource planning (ERP) investment today, Business Objects offers an Integration Kit for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne***. This Integration Kit connects JD Edwards EnterpriseOne with BusinessObjects Enterprise to provide a seamless user experience. The kit contains a complete set of BI tools to extract the value stored in JD Edwards EnterpriseOne data. It includes:

- Native driver connecting Crystal Reports directly to JD Edwards EnterpriseOne tables
- Security plug-in allowing JD Edwards EnterpriseOne users to use their credentials when logging onto BusinessObjects Enterprise
- Web-based interface within the BusinessObjects Enterprise Central Management Console to manage security settings and user roles

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* For BusinessObjects XI Release 2, these components are available in the Integration Kit for PeopleSoft.

** Crystal Reports and Crystal Enterprise are included in JD Edwards World applications.

***For integration with JDE World, a driver is available through Unity Solutions, a Business Objects partner. Contact your Business Objects representative for more details.

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The Integration Kit offers many benefits to JD Edwards customers. Users can make the most with the information stored in their JD Edwards EnterpriseOne applications whether that is performing demand planning or analyzing their receivables portfolio. Through this Integration Kit, users now have seamless connectivity to the latest version of award winning Crystal Reports, self-service ad hoc querying capabilities, dashboards, scorecards, and even pre-defined data marts. Through the security plug-in, access is completely transparent to users. They can sign on to BusinessObjects Enterprise using their JD Edwards credentials. To offer more choices for our customers, the Integration Kit is also available for UNIX platforms including Linux. And if your organization is like many others, where reporting off disparate data sources is a constant challenge, we offer easy-to-use products to address that need.

Ease of Expansion

As a JD Edwards application user or a user of the JD Edwards data warehouse within PeopleSoft EPM, you are probably already familiar with Crystal Reports and Crystal Enterprise™. As a mid-market organization, controlling costs and time-to-market are probably top on your list of concerns. With Business Objects, you can leverage your bundled Crystal Reports or Crystal Enterprise investment and the product knowledge and experience as your organization's BI needs grow. Crystal Reports is fully integrated with the BusinessObjects Enterprise platform; this means you can easily expand BI functionality quickly without spending too much time and resources on training, administration, or deployment.

Flexible And Open

Trusted BI Platform

The JD Edwards offerings from Business Objects are built on top of the industry's leading BI platform. BusinessObjects Enterprise empowers the management and secure deployment of specialized end-user tools for performance management, reporting, and query and analysis on a scalable and adaptive open service-oriented architecture. BusinessObjects Enterprise XI Release 2 includes the robust and stable features of BusinessObjects XI Release 1, plus flexible deployment and upgrade tools. Putting information in the hands of end users— sooner rather than later— encourages them to make better business decisions, positively impacting the bottom line.

Innovative and Insightful End-User Capabilities

Business Objects provides the industry's leading suite of integrated BI products. Our products unlock the data stored in all of your operational and enterprise applications, delivering it to a variety of user interfaces, including reports, dashboards, Microsoft Office documents, and portals. New to BusinessObjects XI Release 2 is BusinessObjects Intelligent Question™. This newest innovation delivers a structured questioning environment to help users access the information they need to answer their most relevant business questions.
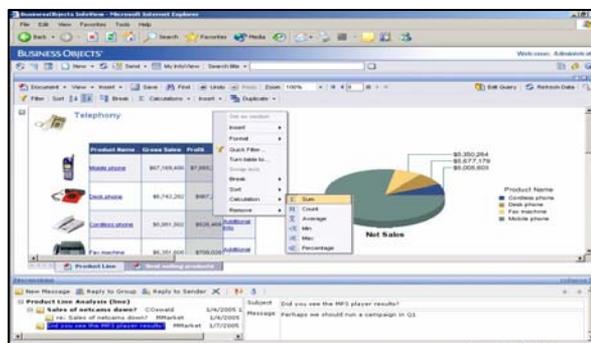
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Performance management products help users align with strategy by tracking and analyzing key business metrics and goals via management dashboards, scorecards, analytics, and alerting. BusinessObjects XI Release 2 introduces new applications for planning, budgeting, forecasting, and consolidations. Built by financial professionals for financial professionals, the Business Objects planning products offer unprecedented flexibility to support virtually any type of forward-looking planning needs for the organization.

Reporting tools allow organizations to access, format, and deliver data as meaningful information to large populations of information consumers, both inside and outside the organization. Crystal Reports, the industry standard in enterprise reporting is the only third-party BI solution included with JD Edwards World and EnterpriseOne, making Business Objects the de facto choice for extending your BI deployments across all your enterprise systems. With Crystal Reports, end users can easily interact with familiar, highly formatted reports that deliver the information they need to make better decisions.

Query and analysis tools allow end users to interact with business information and answer ad hoc questions, without advanced knowledge of the underlying data sources and structures, or writing SQL statements. BusinessObjects Web Intelligence™ empowers users to answer their own questions by allowing them to create flexible and complex queries with no knowledge of SQL required.

Enterprise information management (EIM) helps manage information to drive business performance, agility, and compliance. Business Objects provides the products and services to help companies achieve EIM goals. Our EIM portfolio of products includes data integration and rapid deployment data marts. BusinessObjects Data Integrator extracts data from disparate sources, transforms, and loads it into data marts and warehouses allowing organizations to easily explore, transform, and deliver data anywhere at any frequency. Our data integration solutions help ensure BI end users are always working with timely, accurate, and trusted information.

If you are looking to accelerate your BI deployment with a pre-defined data mart, metadata (Business Objects universes), sample reports, and built-in best practices for data integration techniques designed for a JD Edwards application, look to BusinessObjects Rapid Marts. With BusinessObjects Rapid Marts**,** organizations gain immediate insight into business operations without waiting for a long data warehouse deployment or relying on IT. Customers can maximize the value of their data sooner, so they can answer key business questions such as "which products contributed the most to our growth last quarter?" Business Objects offers a variety of Rapid Marts for JD Edwards.

- **General Ledger Rapid Mart** supports analysis of data generated in the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne General Ledger module. The General Ledger section of this Rapid Mart is comprised of four main areas—actual transactions, budgets, assets and liabilities, and project accounting. With this Rapid Mart, you can analyze expense and revenues, compare budgets to actuals, and perform project accounting analysis.
- **Purchasing Rapid Mart** supports analysis of data generated in the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Procurement module. The BusinessObjects Purchasing Rapid Mart for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne provides a framework for analyzing inventory pricing, supplier performance, transaction history, contract conditions, payment terms, and purchasing organization effectiveness.
- **Sales Rapid Mart** supports analysis of data generated in the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Sales Order Management module. This Rapid Mart covers three areas of sales order management—sales, shipping, and billing. With this Rapid Mart, users can analyze sales trends, forecast product sales, measure sales campaign effectiveness, plan product life cycles, as well as uncover customer behavior.

Take the Next Step

You can't afford to wait to make better business decisions, so why wait to unlock the information stored in your JD Edwards systems? You can gain insight today by extending the value of your JD Edwards investment with our flexible and open platform, combined with innovative end-user capabilities. Equip your users with the information they need today to make better decisions. Business Objects is here to provide the right products and solutions to serve all your BI needs as your organization grows. For more information on BI solutions from Business Objects for JD Edwards, or to inquire about evaluation opportunities, visit us at our website: http://www.businessobjects.com

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